



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 14

Meeting Date: 5/16/06

Meeting Location: Bartholomew County DCS

Council Members Present: Mark Loyd, Dennis Carmichael, LaDonna Simpson, Ruth Alewine, Jack Tandy, Michael Williams, Mary Medler, Alfredo Salazar, and Cindy Doyle-Winslow

Council Members Absent: Heather Mollo and Helen Jackson

Others In Attendance: David P. Meadows (Cummins Behavioral Health), Heather Barrett (The Villages), Gayle Green (Johnson County DCS), Kelly Bauermeister (Quinco), Rob Gaskill (Youth Hope), Sarah Sullivan (Fountain Consulting), Dave Spencer (White's Family Services), Keith Weedman (Bartholomew County DCS), Stacy Lozer (DCS)

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: 8:37 AM

- 1. First Order of Business Summary of Discussion:** Regional Manager Alewine reviewed with the Council the Practice Model PowerPoint handout. She discussed Current Practice as well as the practice of the future. The Practice Principles, Goals, Core Skills, Parallel Processes, and Tools were presented. Regional Manager Alewine discussed the current Pilot Regions within DCS. Regional Manager Alewine also presented the "triangle" Practice Model/Performance Measures handout along with an "acronyms" handout.
- 2. Second Order of Business Summary of Discussion:** Stacy Lozer presented "community forum" information based upon her experiences with Regions 5 and 8 as well as Marion County. Each forum is designed around the needs in each region. Some have chosen to design a more "educational" forum while others have designed more of a "provider fair." Regional Manager Alewine presented the draft agenda and invitation list developed at

a regional management meeting for our upcoming forum scheduled for the morning of 9/19/06 in Bartholomew County. Region 14 had developed its agenda around the presentation of the Community Partners for Child Safety program; each county would host its own provider fair independently of the Forum. Discussion was held and the following input and suggestions were received:

- If a facility was needed to host the Forum, Franklin College may be able to accommodate this event.
- Would the “public” be invited? Stacy Lozer responded by indicating that in other forums, the public was not turned away, but there was not an open invitation, either. Representatives from clubs or groups actually represent “the public”.
- Would we have media coverage? Stacy Lozer indicated we have enough planning time, so we would be encouraged to contact Susan Tielking in DCS Communications for assistance.
- Stacy Lozer suggested lengthening the agenda to include a lunch prior to re-convening for the afternoon session. She suggested ending the Forum at approximately 2:00 PM. She suggested using trained facilitators for the break-out sessions, and she also suggested narrowing the focus of the breakout sessions to the development of needs assessments for each county.
- A discussion was held regarding the termination of Voluntary Services cases within DCS effective 9/1/06. Since the schools will be a key player in these transitions, keeping the September date in place for the forum was discussed. It was suggested that perhaps DCS would still be able to provide some sort of assistance in these types of cases until new procedures were in place. It was also suggested that a tactful approach be developed in advising schools and community partners about the cessation of Voluntary Services cases.
- Additional agenda suggestions should be forwarded to Regional Manager Alewine.

3. Third Order of Business Summary of Discussion: Public Comment items:

- If Region 14 decides to host a “Provider Fair”, it was suggested that it may be problematic for some providers to attend multiple fairs. Counties may want to consider co-hosting fairs when providers are shared by multiple counties.

- It appears that some of the Practice Model information is similar to models in place by DMH. Is this the case? It was suggested that some providers may welcome these changes as they involve more collaboration which many have been doing for years.
- It was suggested to explore the Marion County model which is already in place.
- It was suggested that DOE become involved. We may experience more participation/involvement by school administrators, counselors, and teachers if the invitation to the forum is endorsed by the DOE.

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: 6/20/06 at the Bartholomew County DCS

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:55 AM